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Invention: **PRODUCTION METHOD FOR SILICON SINGLE CRYSTAL AND PRODUCTION DEVICE FOR SINGLE CRYSTAL INGOT, AND HEAT TREATING METHOD FOR SILICON SINGLE CRYSTAL WAFER**

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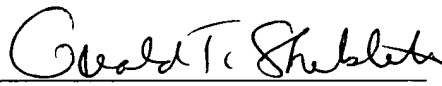
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| SINGLE CRYSTAL INGOT, |) | |
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The Office Action of July 20, 2005 has been carefully reviewed and the following amendments and remarks are made in response thereto.